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The Achiever



The Arthur O. Eve Opportunity for Higher Education Program Division of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Time Does Not Wait On Anyone

We have just entered the middle of November and Thanksgiving is just around the corner. By the way, classes will end one week after you return and the Fall 2019 semester will come to an end on December 14th. Now that I have shocked you the question is are you ready? Are you focused? Do you have a plan on how you will finish this semester with the best possible grades in each of your courses? Have you made a plan with your EOP Counselor on what you're going to do in order to write that paper or in some cases papers? How you will prepare for that test or exam? Let me repeat, there's only 5 weeks left and one of those weeks is Thanksgiving week. Now all of you know my motto, prior preparation produces great performance but poor preparation produces poor performance. The question now is which group will you fall in? I hope you will choose to be in the first group. I expect that your EOP Counselor will encourage you and assist you in the best preparation so that you can finish strong. It is also important that you are working with your counselor concerning your 20-21 financial aid as well as making sure your Fall 2019 Student Account Bill is PAID.

I hope each of you will have a hearty and enjoyable Thanksgiving Holiday but remember December 14th will come very quickly!



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**Next Check
Disbursement Dates:
November 20th
And
December 5th**



October's Very Own Spotlight



Meet Our Outstanding Leaders This Month!



Name: Dasia Farley
Year: Senior
Major: Recreation & Leisure
GPA: 3.2

Dasia was recognized last semester as the President of (OSAD) Organization for Students of African Descent. Dasia is currently Majoring in Recreation and Leisure. Upon degree completion Dasia wants to be a special events coordinator / planner. Throughout her college career Dasia has been heavily involved in Brockport's campus life. This semester Dasia is the Senator for the Student Government Cultural Council and the Senior advisor of the Organization for Students of African Descent. Continue your hard work and dedication Dasia, we at SUNY Brockport and EOP are all proud of your accomplishments.



Name: Taahira Morris
Year: Senior
Major: Biology
Minor: Chemistry
GPA: 3.23

Taahira Morris, an exemplary leader is a senior this year here at The College at Brockport. Taahira has worked very hard throughout her 4 years at the College and we would like to recognize her academic achievements. Taahira will be graduating with a Major in Biology and a Minor in Chemistry in May of 2020. Upon graduation Taahira hopes to attend Lehman College in New York City where she hopes to complete an accelerated nursing program to become a nurse practitioner. Best of Luck in your future endeavors Taahira, your EOP family is proud of your continued success.

"The first step toward success is taken when you refuse to be a captive of the environment in which you first find yourself."

—Mark Caine

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

GRADUATING SENIORS

Make sure to complete the application for graduation ASAP!
To complete the online Application for Graduation:

1. Go to Brockport Website
2. Go to **Quick Links** and then **Web Banner**
3. Log in the **Campus Information System**
4. Click **Student Services**
5. Click **Student Records**
6. Click **Apply for Graduation**

Complete the application and **Submit**

YOU MUST COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA APPLICATION. Here are the steps in doing so:

1. Go to <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/afsa>
2. Log in with your FSA Username/Email and FSA Password (This should be saved as you will need it in the future)
3. Complete prompts by providing accurate information regarding personal/parental demographic and financial information.
4. *YOU* and *YOUR* Parent/Guardian need to *SIGN YOUR FAFSA APPLICATION*
5. Notify your EOP counselor once you have completed the FAFSA Application

INFORMATION THAT WILL HELP COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA

- 2018 Parental Tax Transcripts
- 2018 Student Tax Transcripts
- Personal W-2 Information
- Social Security Number (SSN)
- List The College at Brockport as your school using code: 002841

SEE MORE FINANCIAL AID INFO ON PAGE (4)

IMPORTANT DATES

FASFA 2020-2021 Application Process Opens.....10/01/2019
Winter Session Registration Opens..... 11/04/2019
Deadline to Withdrawal without Dept. Chair Perm.... 11/08/2019
2nd EOP Check Disbursement.....11/20/2019
Thanksgiving Recess Begins..... 11/27/2019
Classes Resume/ Withdrawal Period Ends..... 12/02/2019
3rd EOP Check Disbursement 12/05/2019
Regular Course Schedule Ends..... 12/07/2019
Final Exam Period Begins.....12/09/2019

***Complete your FASFA Application for 2020-2021 ASAP!!!**

MOTIVATIONAL CORNER

"Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world."



– Nelson Mandela

Novembers Very Own

Samantha Ruiz 11/02
Shakeel Armstrong 11/04
Tierra Dillenburg 11/05
Nahailia Dubrey 11/05
Leonardo Philip 11/05
Nandy Diego 11/06
Allyson Baffour Oowusu 11/08
Diana Beh 11/08
Anrissa Green 11/08
Michael Rodriguez 11/09
Jarell Stewart 11/10
Nyajah Foreman 11/11
Michael Walsh 11/11
Egypt Page 11/13
Dameer King 11/14
Nickeisha Hinds 11/15

Halima Said 11/16
Tyree J Brown 11/17
Michael Ampomah 11/20
Jonathan Duran 11/20
Quinyse Ervin 11/20
Jordan Voravongsa 11/20
Esther Doris 11/21
Lillian Ayala 11/22
Justin Chiles 11/22
Kelvin Collado 11/22
Ana Mera Valera 11/22
Juliet Vorbe 11/24
Malick Sylla 11/26
Mariana Witherspoon 11/26
O'Neil Amegbo 11/27
Tanneil Lewis 11/28
Miya Blackwell 11/29
Cordell Torres 11/30



Happy Birthday!



FINANCIAL AID REPORT 2019-2020



ATTENTION! IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID NEWS

Every student is expected to complete their 2020-2021 FAFSA and TAP prior to December. You need to have available the 2018 income information for yourself and of any appropriate parent. It is important that you complete the process using accurate information. All continuing students are required to complete this process. If you are graduating, it's highly recommended that you complete it as well. This way if your plans change and/or you are going to graduate school, you will be properly prepared. You must be able to prove to your assigned counselor that you have accomplished this task in order to receive your December 2019 EOP direct check. As always, please consult with your assigned counselor for any assistance you may require.

It is very important that you **remain very aware of your current bill and other requirements**. If you have an outstanding balance due to the college for any number of reasons, you are facing having a hold on your records and/or having late charges assessed. It is important that you check your bill on a regular basis. If you have a hold, you will not be allowed to register for classes. Make sure you have a clear understanding about registering full time and potential financial aid compliance issues. Please consult with your assigned counselor to ascertain your status. **FREQUENTLY CHECK YOUR BROCKPORT EMAIL**. Email is how the financial aid office, student accounts, and the rest of the college sends you important information.

Financial Knowledge is Key: Please Read and Review!

- Many of you may be considering getting a part time job. Please discuss this with your counselor. **Employment can impact your financial aid, and also your ability to do well in your classes**. You need to be conservative with any refund you have received including your EOP money. Do you really need that new pair of sneakers?
- For those of you who currently have outstanding balances owed to the college, you must really stay on top of your open accounts **Late charges can accumulate** very quickly and you **face having a hold placed on your records** which among other things **will prevent you from registering for the upcoming fall term**. Always remember that there is a difference between financial need and financial desire. Make sure your personal budgeting skills are finely honed. Be aware of any charges you accrue on your student account. Review this with your assigned counselor.
- If you do get a refund, it is very important that you confer with your counselor before you spend the funds.
- If you incur charges prior to receiving your refund, they will be deducted from your refund.
- If you incur charges after you receive your refund, you must pay them.
- ***You will be held accountable for all dispensed funds for which you are ultimately not entitled. Always remember that there are financial consequences to your actions.***



HEY DO YOU USE FACEBOOK???

GO CHECK OUT BROCKPORT'S EOP FACEBOOK PAGE!!!!

THIS WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED ON:

- ⇒ **UPCOMING EVENTS**
- ⇒ **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**
- ⇒ **ALUMNI INFORMATION**
- ⇒ **CHECK DATES**
- ⇒ **CAREER/INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**
- ⇒ **TUTORING SERVICES**
- ⇒ **AND MUCH MORE**



ALSO IF YOU KNOW ANY BROCKPORT EOP ALUMNI SEND THEM THE LINK TO FOLLOW AND RECEIVE UPDATES ON HOW THEY CAN GIVE BACK AND SHARE EXPERIENCES TO HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE FUTURE

WHY STUDY ABROAD?

Personal Growth

GLOBALIZE YOURSELF

Take this opportunity to expose yourself to the world. Branch out and learn about different places, different cultures and people.

BROADEN YOUR EXPERIENCE

You will learn how your home country fits into humanity, and through the eyes of a different culture, you can more precisely reflect upon your own culture.

TAKE THE CHALLENGE

You'll most likely return home a wiser individual and ready to face any future challenges head on.



Professional Growth

LOOK GREAT IN AN INTERVIEW

Employers are often looking for students who challenge themselves and learn from their experiences.

DISCOVER A NEW CAREER PATH

The experiences you take advantage of abroad can influence a newfound passion; which could influence your major or career path.

GAIN INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

Employers may be interested in your personal growth and interpersonal skills, so do not discount your abroad experience.



Are You Worried About The Cost

ASK YOUR COUNSELOR ABOUT THE FOLLOWING SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
- David L. Boren Scholarship

Additional funding is available to all EOP students! Take the next step! Speak to your EOP counselor and contact the office of International Education today! 585-395-2119

EOP ATHLETIC SUPPORT GROUP

16 SEP	INTRO/WHY ARE YOU HERE PT. 1 TUTTLEN 221 8:00 PM
30 SEP	HABITS & CHOICES TUTTLEN 221 8:00 PM
14 OCT	BENEFITS OF SUPPORT TUTTLEN 221 7:00 PM
28 OCT	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT TUTTLEN 221 7:00 PM
11 NOV	ACADEMIC GOALS VS. SPORT GOALS TUTTLEN 221 7:00 PM
21 NOV	WHY ARE YOU HERE PT. 2 TUTTLEN 221 7:00 PM

**YOU ARE IN
CHARGE OF YOUR
FUTURE**

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Big Congratulations to our Fall Sports teams on their success during this first week of November!!

Remember success in your specific sports is just as important as your academic success. We encourage you to continue utilizing the Athletic Support Group where we will highlight you as a Student-Athlete.

The Last two meetings for the semester are:

November 11th & November 21st

All discussions will be led by:
Kevon London-Hill
585-395-2547 Ext. 5643
Klondonhill@brockport.edu

Please understand that these meetings are **MANDATORY** and absences without prior discussion results in a **HOLD** on your account.

Notable Upcoming Events This Month



November 23, 2019

ALAS Presents:
Lounging Under The Stars
Location: Union Ballroom East



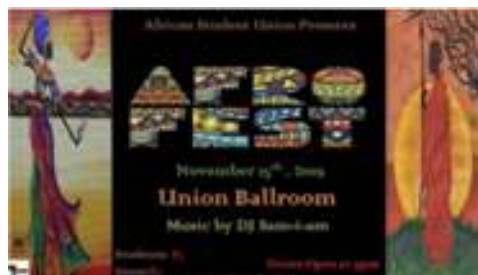
November 18th –23rd, 2019

ALAS Presents:
ALAS Week
Location: Varies (see flyer for further details)



November 23, 2019

OSAD Presents:
**Battle of The Schools:
Lost in The Jungle**
Location: Union Ballroom



November 15, 2019

ASU Presents:
Afro Fest
Location: Union Ballroom

Attention All! Upcoming CAREER EVENTS

Careers In Aging Services

RSVP for Event

Friday, October 4th 2019, 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm EDT

Location: [Albert Brown Building 2nd Floor Conference Room](#)

“All service-providing industries including health care, housing, financial/legal services, advertising, fitness/wellness, and many other industries. Learn about careers in aging from the leader of Lifespan which offers over 30 services to 40,000 older adults across the region.”

Decision Making 101: Planning for your future

RSVP for Event

Friday, October 11th 2019, 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm EDT

Location: [Seymour Union 209](#)

“Come meet with career services and participate in an interactive workshop to learn strategies for decision making that can assist you with the major and career exploration process.”

Decision Making 101: Planning for your future

RSVP for Event

Tuesday, October 22nd 2019, 12:15 pm - 1:15 pm EDT

Location: [Seymour Union 228](#)

“Come meet with career services and participate in an interactive workshop to learn strategies for decision making that can assist you with the major and career exploration process.”



ACADEMIC SUPPORT



EOP's One-on-One Peer Tutoring Program provides students the opportunity to receive individualized tutorial support through being matched with a peer fellow who in many instances has had the same professor, and who has received a superlative grade in the specific subject content area in which the student requires additional help. This tutorial support program not only aids students in being academically successful, but also in acquiring and developing study skills, strategies and techniques to employ across subject content areas, throughout their academic experience and beyond.

The supports of this program are designed to address the academic needs of the student and tailored to accommodate both the schedules of the student and tutor, thus allowing for the student to meet their assigned tutor(s) as needed to maximize on their learning potential within the sessions and their academic success within their courses.

WHY GOOD GRADES ARE IMPORTANT. We live in a world with a highly competitive job market. Your grades can make the difference in your being selected for that job/career you are pursuing or being accepted for admittance into the graduate program/school of your choice. You want to stand out and above the rest.

Don't settle for mediocrity. Get the support you need to be all you can be academically. See your counselor, read and complete that tutoring form, submit it in person to Lisa Jones (EOP Academic Coordinator).

WRITING SPECIALIST

Having trouble with writing in your courses? Don't worry our writing specialist **Taylor Thompson** is the person for you. Taylor encourages our EOP Students to take advantage of her writing workshops and is constantly looking to help students improve their writing skills. As we continue on through the semester, assigned papers and essays will arise. Please take advantage of this tremendous resource for continued success in your individual courses.

Location & Hours:

Mondays and Fridays ASC Brown 184

Tuesdays, Wednesday, Thursdays:

Rakov G8 8:00 - 4:00 pm daily

EOP Writing Specialist

ASSISTANCE WITH ANYTHING WRITING RELATED

- Outlines
- Thesis statements
- Editing
- Research
- Prompts
- Citations
- "Getting Started"
- And much More!!!

LOCATION AND HOURS:
MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS: ASC BROWN 184
TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS:
RAKOV G8, 8:00 - 4:00 pm daily

**ANY SUBJECTS
APPOINTMENTS OR WALK-INS!**

For more information or to make an appointment contact
Taylor Thompson, EOP Writing Specialist at
thompson@brockport.edu



The EOP Nursing Support Group is up and running:

Join Us Fridays

November 1st
November 15th
December 6th



Topics to include:

- ♦ Pre-registration/prerequisites
- ♦ Advisement
- ♦ Applying to the Nursing Program
- ♦ Alternatives to Nursing



Meetings will be held in
Lathrop G32 from 3:30-4:30pm

*all meetings are mandatory



Notes from the EOP Academic Coordinator...

Greetings EOP Scholars,

Many of you are realizing the wonderful academic supports that available to you to boost, strengthen, and maintain “healthy” GPA as well as increase your chances of academic success. KUDOS TO YOU!!! **Tutoring can make a difference!** Some of you are already attesting to the impact that tutoring is making in your learning experiences!

Pay attention in class

Study smart

Visit your professor’s office hours

Use academic supports to increase your chances of success

Regards,

Lisa Jones

Lisa Jones

Academic Coordinator, EOP

A Recap of October's Events

Hispanic Heritage Month -

On October 4th 2019 EOP and its staff celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month. There were many in attendance as the celebration provided games, historical facts, and cultural food resembling Latino customs and traditions. A memorial was also



held for Wylmer Cruz one of our dear students who lost his life to a tragic accident this past summer. Wylmer remains in our hearts and our prayers go out to he and his family. Overall the Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration was a great success! We would like to thank our students, faculty and administration for attending and supporting this event. We hope to see you in our upcoming Holiday Celebration!

Pictured Above: Commemoration of Wymer Cruz

Solidarity Walk -

On October 24th members of the Organization for Students of African Decent (OSAD) and members of Men of Color (MOC) held its 4th annual solidarity walk. The mission of this event is to bring the Brockport Campus Community together in a walk that symbolizes family, love, and unity. This year leaders of OSAD and MOC pondered the following questions as themes for the event; What is your wish for the world? and How will you make a difference? The event garnered many individuals and truly accomplished the goals it set fourth. EOP recognizes your organizations hard work within the campus community and we encourage you to continue to push for change, acceptance, and diversity.



19th Annual Diversity Conference -

On October 17th SUNY Brockport held its 19th annual diversity conference. This special event seeks to promote open-mindedness, celebrate diversity, and promote awareness of divergent views on our college campus and within our communities. The theme of this years diversity conference was "Creating and Sustaining an Inclusive Community." Denice Frohman a poet and activist was the conferences opening speaker. Frohman speaking to students says, "your voice matters" she continues, "I want students to feel empowered, and fall in love with the power of their voice." EOP would like to thank all of those who attended and would also like to give a special thanks to all of our guest speakers. The Diversity Conference truly embodies inclusion, respect and diversity within our campus and our community. The question remains how will you change our campus and our world? Get involved.



Poet and Educator Denice Frohman



Keynote Speaker Francisco Cantú

CONGRATULATIONS

Rukia Abdi



This year Rukia Abdi won the Norman R. McConney, Jr. Award of Excellence for The College at Brockport's Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) . This award recognizes resilience, courage, and determination to achieve academic and personal success. Only one student per EOP program is recognized for this award each year. Rukia a senior here at The College at Brockport is currently completing her major in Public Health Education along with a minor in Biology. Her academic success has continued through the years as she holds over a 3.4 GPA. We are extremely proud of all that Rukia has achieved, congratulations!

On Being Awarded

The Norman R. McConney Jr. Award

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“Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds.”

– Theodore Roosevelt

